

CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION



Priesthood Sunday, October 25, 2015

5:30 Dolores DeFelice
7:30 Con & Rose Lynch
9:00 Teresa Angela Bernardi
10:30 People of Ascension Parish
12:00 Oscar Anthony Poli

Monday, October 26, 2015

7:00 Mary O'Carroll
8:30 Leticia Girado

Tuesday, October 27, 2015

7:00 Helen Greene, healing
8:30 Lilia Gomez

Wednesday, October 28, 2015

7:00 Peggy Evans, healing
8:30 Margarita & Vincente Girado

Thursday, October 29, 2015

7:00 Camille Zampino
8:30 Enrique Blanco, Sr.

Friday, October 30, 2015

7:00 Gerard Patrick Lee
8:30 Oscar Anthony Poli

Saturday, October 31, 2015

8:30 Gregory DeCarlo
5:30 Luis Mendoza

All Saints' Day, Sunday, November 1, 2015

7:30 Melvin & Dorothy Evans
9:00 Balagot & Viduya Families
10:30 Mary Karwoski
12:00 All Souls Mass of Remembrance

PARISH STEWARDSHIP REPORT WE ARE A STEWARDSHIP PARISH

Ascension Parish is supported by people who place their faith and trust in God.

Sunday, October 19, 2014:	\$7,284.00
Sunday, October 18, 2015:	\$6,036.00
World Mission:	\$1,350.00

We thank you very much for your generosity. You always care for and support our Parish programs, ministries and plant maintenance.

Readings for Next Sunday November 1, 2015

Rv 7:2-4, 9-14/1 Jn 3:1-3/Mt 5:1-12a



I think we all know someone who talks so much about their fears and worries that they pull everyone down into a depressing spiral. Reality is hard! Today, the blind man, Bartimeus, faced a bleak future. In those days, blindness would not have been curable, ever, so he had no realistic hope that anything could change for him; so begging was his only means of income. The apostles told Bartimeus to be quiet and quit bothering Jesus. They probably urged Jesus to ignore him and keep walking. But Bartimeus was no wimp or whiner. He had a great longing in his heart to see. And he also had a childlike faith in Jesus' power.

Notice that Jesus' first question to the man was, "What do you want me to do for you?" Jesus does not make the decision for Bartimeus, or for us. Jesus wants us to look deeply, and speak the truth from our hearts. But more impressive is that Bartimeus "sprang up" and went to Jesus. He was not in a victim posture. He went after what he knew he deeply wanted.

Do we really know what we want? And are we prepared for the consequences of getting what we want? Let's be ready to "spring up" when Jesus asks, "What do YOU want me to do?" Don't be afraid. Tell Jesus!

✠ Last Sunday afternoon someone was apparently speeding through the property and, turning at the back corner of the Rectory, lost control of the car and crashed into our shed and adjoining fence areas and then left the scene. I called the police, who responded quickly, but they were unable to locate the perpetrator. A police report has been made on the property damage. It was a light blue SUV and certainly sustained much damage. Our shed and surrounding fence area were demolished. We have reported the claim to our insurance company.

Despite our efforts to discourage practice driving and through traffic, still too many vehicles continue to use our property, especially, as a shortcut. With this in mind, we have to make some decisions to keep our property safe and secure.

I will be discussing this issue with the members of our Buildings and Grounds Committee: Brendan Suter, Teddy Froomjian, Greg Cucco, Frank Mottola and Chris Lacey. Please feel free to see me or one of the members if you have suggestions on this issue.

✠ **November** is almost here. Please remember these upcoming November Parish Events:

◆ Sunday, November 1st, is the **Solemnity of All Saints, a holy day of obligation**. During the 12:00 Noon Mass, as we prepare to celebrate **All Souls Day**, we will celebrate our annual **Prayer of Remembrance**, a special time for us to remember our parishioners, family members and friends who have died during this past year. If you wish to remember someone at this Mass, please fill out the **2015 Prayer of Remembrance Response Form** in the bulletin and return it to the Rectory Office. All Souls envelopes are available at the doors of the church. We will remember these deceased loved ones throughout the month of November.

◆ Next Sunday, November 1, **Daylight Saving Time ends!** Turn your clocks **BACK** one hour.

◆ **Ministries Appreciation Gathering** on Saturday, November 14th in the Fr. Benedict Center following the 5:30pm Mass.

◆ **Thanksgiving Turkey Drive** on Sunday, November 22nd from 7:00am to 1pm outside the Rectory. Confirmation Candidates and members of the Service Ministry will be on hand to help.

◆ **Interfaith Thanksgiving** on Sunday, November 22nd here at Ascension at 4pm. Refreshments will follow in the Fr. Benedict Center.

✠ **Italian Treasures** await you! Our parish will travel to the cities of Milan, Venice, Padua, Florence, Assisi and Rome in **October of 2016**. Please see brochures at doors of church or stop by the rectory office for complete information.

Know that I pray for you every day. Please pray for me, too.
God Love You!



TRANSFIGURATION ACADEMY

St. Joseph's Regional High School Academic Olympics

Eighteen 8th graders represented Transfiguration Academy at the 17th Scholastic Olympics held at St. Joseph Regional High School on October 15th. The students who participated were:

Paolo Go * Gabriela Ramirez * Chacko Jacob (1st Place, English) * Bianca Abantao * Matthew Manahan * Irene Jacob * Yashaan Hafizka * So Young Cho * Carlo Rivera * Jillian Arrizon * Jake Hickey * Tanya Gomez * Felix Raju (3rd Place, Religion) * Althea Bernard (3rd Place, Religion) * Enrico Cortezano (2nd Place, Computer) * Joshua de Castro.

Congratulations to all of our Students!

Making Strides Against Cancer

Transfiguration Academy took part in the Making Strides Against Cancer walk at Overpeck Park on Sunday, October 18th. Over 50 students, parents, faculty and staff participated. This year over \$950 was raised to donate to the American Cancer Society.

HSA News

The Home School Association Halloween Party will be held on Friday, October 30th at 7:00 PM.

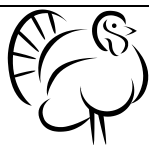
SAVE THE DATE

Saturday, November 14, 7 PM Pocketbook Bingo and play bingo and win designer pocketbooks. Tickets are \$20 and include 1 bingo board and light refreshments. For more information and tickets please contact the school office: 201-384-3627.

Transfiguration Academy is located at 10 Bradley Avenue in Bergenfield. For more information or to schedule a tour of the school please call (201)384-3627, visit our website at trasfigurationacademy.org and follow us on Facebook or email principal@transfigurationacademy.org

VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR PARISH INFORMATION

WWW.CHURCHOFTHEASCENSION.COM



DONATION OF TURKEYS

The Church of the Ascension Food Pantry will be accepting donations of Turkeys and trimmings so that we can provide food pantry families with Thanksgiving dinner. Shop Rite has a promotion underway where that if you spend \$400 between October 18 and November 26 you qualify for a free turkey. If you would like to donate your turkey please call the Rectory office (201 836 8961) and leave your Shop Rite Price Plus number. A Food Pantry volunteer will pick up your turkey at Shop Rite using your Price Plus number.



Calendar:

Sunday October 25th -- K thru 6th grade from 10:15 am to 11:45 am (SCH)
 Monday, October 26th 6th Grade from 7 pm to 8:45 pm (MPR/SCH)
 Wednesday, October 28th 6th 9th Grade from 7 pm to 8:45 pm (MPR/SCH)
 Sunday, November 1st -- K thru 6th grade from 10:15 am to 11:45 am (SCH)

IMPORTANT NOTICE:

9th Grade Confirmation Candidates remember to bring your Service Hours sheet to class on Wednesday October 28th.

Reminder that the Sunday Religious Education is from 10:15 am to 11:45 am. It is important that all students are on time for class. Parents with children in Pre-k/K to 3rd grade MUST come in to pick up children at 11:45 am.

All 7th, 8th and 9th graders are asked to be here at 6:55 pm as Classes start at 7 pm sharp

Children's Liturgy of the Word has begun during the 9 am Mass for the children in Pre-K to 5th grades. Remember this is a great way for families to celebrate Mass together.

All Families are asked to help support our Respect Life Baby Shower going on all month long. Please bring your donations in to the Church and place them in the crib on the right hand side of the Church. Thank you for your support.



Volunteers Needed:

- We are in need of Catechists for our 7th and 8th Grade program. The 7th and 8th graders meet on Monday evenings from 7 pm to 8:45 pm, anyone interested is asked to call the Religious Education Office during the week.
- We are in need of Class Parents for ALL GRADES in our Religious Education Program for the 2015-2016 school year. Anyone interested, please call Theresa Carbone our Coordinator of Religious Education at (201) 836-3085
- Children's Liturgy of the Word Team member. This is a great opportunity for college students or student teachers to gain experience share their faith and work with students in a relaxed atmosphere. Anyone interested please, call the Religious Education office.

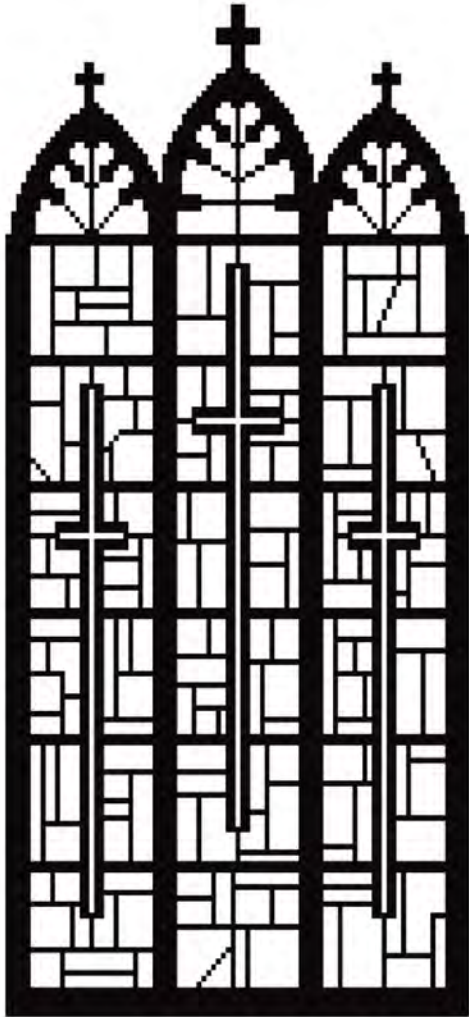
Religious Education Office Hours:

Monday & Wednesday & Friday: 9 am to 4 pm
 Monday and Wednesday: 6:30 pm to 8:45 pm
 Sunday Mornings: 10 am to 12 Noon
 Closed: Thursday & Saturday
 Other times by appointment



OCTOBER 25, 2015

*Church of the Ascension
256 Azalea Drive
New Milford, New Jersey*



Dear Friend,

We, of Ascension Parish, feel that it is important for us to remember in our prayers those who have gone before us, those persons who have touched our lives and whose presence we miss.

On Sunday, November 1, 2015, as we celebrate All Saints Day, at 12:00 Noon Mass, we will anticipate the Feast of All Souls, with our annual **PRAYER OF REMEMBRANCE** for all our parishioners who have died during this past year (Nov. 2, 2014-Nov. 1, 2015).

We extend an invitation to you and your family to participate in this parish celebration.

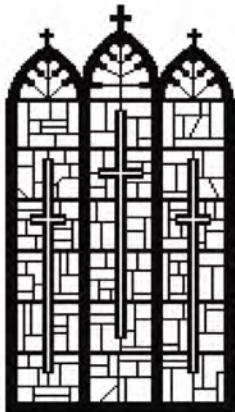
Please return the enclosed reply card on or before October 28, 2015 indicating if you will participate in this Mass.

We look forward to being with you on Sunday, November 1.

In the Lord's Peace,

Fr. David and Your Ascension Parish Family

Annual Prayer of Remembrance



My Name _____

Address _____

Phone Number _____

Name of Loved One _____

Relationship to Me _____ *Date of Death in 2014 -15* _____

Yes, I will participate in the Prayer of Remembrance

Please, we must have this completed card by October 28th.



PRIESTHOOD SUNDAY



"To everything there is a season..."

"a time to be born..."

Victoria Paige Buldo, Alexander Jacob Medina

"a time to be healed..."

Rose DeEufemia, Dolores Crowley, Shirley Busby, Ann & Jack Wall, Joseph Gorgone, Patricia Burke, Barbara Santore, Marge Bruno, Jim Keane, Marguerite Morris, Peggy Evans, Donna Van Kleck, Margaret Polis, Theresa Ruocco, Robert Barratt, Elsa Obera, Jerry Gordon, Marie Oberst,
and those among us who are sick and in need of our prayers.

"a time to serve..."

Cpt. Jack Massingale, U.S. Air Force, Afghanistan
All Men and Women serving in our countries Armed Forces.

"a time for peace..."

President Barack Obama, our National Leaders
and all World Leaders.

"a time to die..."

Dorothy Feely

...and a time for every purpose under heaven"

Ecclesiastes 3:11



Altar Flowers for this week are
in Thanksgiving
Radel T. Trojan

AVAILABILITY

SANCTUARY CANDLE (\$15.), BREAD & WINE (\$40.), AND ALTAR FLOWERS (\$50. each basket) for the week, are available for memorial or special occasions, such as First Communions, Confirmations, Baptisms, Birthdays, Wedding Anniversaries. Please stop by or call the rectory office to check availability.



WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

Thank you for your generous response to the Society for the Propagation of the Faith on World Mission Sunday. Our parish raised \$1,350.00-generous help that will reach the Church in Mongolia and local churches throughout the Missions, where the poor receive practical help and the experience of God's love and mercy. His hope and peace. For more information, please visit www.IAmAMissionary.org.



Priesthood Sunday, October 25, 2015

Boy Scouts Christmas Wreath sale after all Masses
Right to Life Raffle Ticket sale after all Masses
Children's Liturgy of the Word
9:00 Mass ó Church/Gathering Room
Religious Education ó 10:15am Pre-K-6

Monday, October 26, 2015

Religious Education, Grade 7 ó 7:00pm ó School
CFM ó 7:30pm ó Rectory Meeting Room

Tuesday, October 27, 2015

Woodcrest Center, Rosary ó 2:30pm

Wednesday, October 28, 2015

Harrison House
Religious Education Grade 9 ó 7:00pm - School
Combined Novena ó 7:30pm ó Church
Boy Scouts ó 7:30pm ó Fr. Benedict Center
Filipino Core Meeting ó 8:00pm ó Gathering Room

Thursday, October 29, 2015

Altar Server training ó 4:30pm - Church
RCIA ó 7:00pm ó Rectory Mtg. Room
Combined Choirs ó 7:30pm - Church

Friday, October 30, 2015

Altar Server training ó 4:30pm ó Church



Saturday, October 31, 2015*Happy Halloween

Confession ó 11:00am- Church
Children's Choir ó 4:00pm ó Church

All Saints' Day, Sunday, November 1, 2015

Daylight Saving Time Ends (set clocks back 1 hour)
Parish Maintenance and Repairs
Children's Liturgy of the Word
9:00 Mass ó Church/Gathering Room
Religious Education ó 10:15am Pre-K-6
All Souls Mass of Remembrance 12 Noon
Baptism Prep. ó 1:30pm ó Gathering Room



PLEASE HELP

The Food Pantry continues to collect manufacturer's coupons. There is a small box in the back of the church where coupons can be deposited. With your assistance, the Service Ministry is able to stretch our buying dollars. Some coupons are doubled in value. Quite often, with coupons, we are able to buy needed items at a fraction of its original value. Thank you for assisting with this ministry.

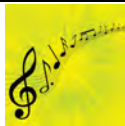


Sharing God's Blessings Annual Appeal

Thank you to the 268 parishioners who have made a pledge to this year's Sharing God's Blessings Annual Appeal. We are currently at \$47,916.70 pledged dollars. Please consider making your pledge today. Give a little, give a lot, but please give something for the Glory of God!

This year our Parish Goal is \$53,403.00

To learn more about the ministries of the Archdiocese of Newark, please visit www.rcan.org/sharing, like us on facebook at Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Newark or tweet us at @NwkArchdiocese



DO YOU LIKE TO SING?

The Music Ministry at Church of the Ascension is looking for new choir members. We invite you to join us as a member of one of our three choirs: Traditional Choir, Contemporary Choir, or Children's Choir. No audition required. To sign up or receive further information, please contact Glenn Gordon after Mass or call or text him at (917)-414-2697.

HARRISON HOUSE

We give thanks to the many volunteers who represented our parish by preparing meals for the residents of Harrison House, a residence for person with Aids, once a month during 2015!

Help is needed for 2016...We are seeking people who are willing to prepare a meal at home (one time) for 8 people and deliver it to Harrison House (on the grounds of Bergen Regional Medical Center) for the year 2016. Our parish has the 4th Wednesday of each month. If we have twelve volunteers, this means a family or individual will need to prepare only one meal for the year. Please call Hanna or May Lee, Chairpersons of our Aids Ministry, (201) 261-9246. if you can help in this worthwhile ministry. Thank you.



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MEMORIALS

THANK YOU to those who have contributed to our Memorials Fund. If you would like to contribute to this fund, please send your donation to the rectory with the coupon below. When an item is purchased we will notify you which item is in memory of your loved one. If you have any questions, please call Fr. David at the Rectory (201)836-8961. Additional Memorials: (circle appropriate memorial)

MEMORIAL CANDLES:	\$150/1 Year
	\$20/30 Days
ALTAR BREAD AND WINE	\$40 per week
ALTAR FLOWERS	\$50 (per basket/per week)
SANCTUARY CANDLE	\$15 per week

MEMORIAL FUND

Name: _____
 Address: _____
 Phone: _____ Donation Amt.: _____
 In Memory of: _____
 Date Requested: _____



FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

We are beginning to prepare for our Thanksgiving Distribution. In order to complete our Thanksgiving Boxes for our Food Pantry clients, we are in need of the following items: Napkins, Salt and Pepper, Boxed and Canned Potatoes, Canned Turkey Gravy, Cranberry sauce, Apple sauce, Canned fruit, Stove Top Stuffing, Coffee, and assorted canned vegetables.

Altar Servers

We are in need of several **Adult Altar Servers** to assist at Funeral Masses. If interested, please contact the Rectory (201) 836-8961 and sign up for a training class.



All are welcome to the 2nd Annual HARVEST MOON DANCE at the KofC St. Joseph's Council Hall on Saturday, November 7, 8pm-12. A live band will perform music from the fifties and sixties. \$25. Admission will include coffee and dessert, you may bring table snacks. Cash bar. For more information contact Bob at 201-519-3296.



Set clocks back at 2:00am on Sunday, November 1st